

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 21 and ends at page 2, line 10.

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 2, line 12 and ends at page 2, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

~~In another aspect, the~~ The present invention provides a system for compressing and decompressing information packets transmitted from a first terminal to a second terminal, comprising suppression means in the first terminal adapted to use a predetermined suppression algorithm for removing at least one field that varies in a known pattern from a payload header of ~~an~~ a discrete information packet ~~of a group of information packets~~ being transmitted to the second terminal; and restoration means in the second terminal adapted to use a predetermined restoration algorithm for restoring the removed at least one field that varies in the known pattern to the payload header of ~~an~~ a said discrete information packet received from the first terminal; wherein the predetermined restoration algorithm includes the step of: from time to time restoring the at least one removed field that varies in the known pattern by using an associated refresh field that is received ~~with~~ as part of the discrete information packet.